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DEPARTMENT FOR SSM

CAIRO FOR BRAY

TEL AVIV FOR SCHEEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: PARTIAL ARMORING OF VEHICLES

1. RSO BRAY SPOKE TO THE DIRECTOR IN CAIRO LAST WEEK ABOUT ARMORING OF SFM VEHICLES. ACCORDING TO BRAY A SEABEE ARMORING TEAM WILL BE IN CAIRO IN EARLY OCTOBER AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ARMOR OUR VEHICLES. HE RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SFM PASSENGER-CARRYING VEHICLES SHOULD BE PARTIALLY ARMORED.

2. SFM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HAS CONSULTED WITH RSO SCHEEL IN TEL AVIV THIS WDAK AND HE CONFIRMS THAT PASSENGER-CARRYING VEHICLES INCLUDING BLAZERS SHOULD BE ARMORED. THE SAME TEAM OF SEABEES WILL BE IN TEL AVIV IN LATE OCTOBER AND SCHEEL INDICATES THEY CAN ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT IF WE SO DESIRE.

3. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL PASSENGER-CARRYING
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VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD ARE AT LEAST PARTIALLY ARMORED. I AM INFORMED THAT THE COST FOR EACH VEHICLE WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$750 AND I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS INCLUDES ARMORING OR BLANKETING OF THE FLOORBOARDS. IF WE DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT, I STRONGLY

RECOMMEND WE PROVIDE
PROTECTION FOR THE FLOORBOARDS SINCE
THERE IS ALWAYS A POTENTIAL THREAT OF LAND MINES IN
THIS AREA.

4. THE CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES INVOLVED AND THE SUGGESTED
LOCATION FOR ARMORING IS AS FOLLOWS.

CAIRO: TWO 1978 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4-DOOR SEDANS.

ONE 1978 CHEVROLET BLAZER.

TWO 1978 CHEVROLET 9-PASSENGER SUBURBANS
(PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO CAIRO).

TWO 1978 9-PASSENGER SUBURBANS USED FOR R&R
PURPOSES BETWEEN SFM AND THE SUEZ, AND SFM
AND TEL AVIV.

TEL AVIV: TWO 1978 CHEVROLET CHEVELLE STATION WAGONS
ASSIGNED TO TEL AVIV.

TWO 1978 CHVROLET 12-PASSENGER SPORT VANS
USED FOR R&R PURPOSES BETWEEN SFM AND
TEL AVIV.

NINE 1978 CHEVROLET BLAZERS USED BY WATCH-
STANDERS IN THE BUFFER ZONE.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE VEHICLES WE HAVE A 1977
DODGE VAN (AMBULANCE CONFIGURATION) WHICH PROBABLY
DOES NOT NEED ARMORING EXCEPT THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT
TO PROVIDE FLOORBOARD PROTECTION AGAINST LAND MINES.

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5. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SSM WOULD CONSULT WITH
SY AND DETERMINE WHETHER THIS PROJECT IYMDESIRABLE.
IF APPROVAL IS GIVEN, THE RSO'S IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV
SHOULD BE ADVISED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT ARMOR
PLATING AND OTHER MATERIALS CAN BE ORDERED. PLEASE
ADVISE.
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